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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT 29TH GA

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SUMMARY: US APPROACH TO MEA ON KHMER REPRESENTATION FOLLOWED
EARLIER JAPANESE DEMARCHE. FMG POSITION APPEARS FAVOR
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT FINAL POSITION LIKELY TO BE DE-
TERMINED ON SPOT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REFTELS EMBOFF AGAIN RAISED
KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA WITH ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT OBEBE OCTOBER 9TH. EMBOFF REITERATED TALKING
POINTS ON REASONS FOR NO PRECIPITATE ACTION BY UNGA AND
NEED HAVE NEGOTIATIONS AS PROPOSED BY GKR. EMBOFF ALSO
HANDED OBEBE COPY OF FRIENDLY'S RES AND URGED FMG
FAVORABLE VOTE AS WELL AS ITS SUPPORT FOR GIVING RES
PRECEDENCE.

2. NOTING FMG POSITION WELL KNOWN TO EMBOFF, OBEBE REPEATED
KHMER ISSUE PERIPHERAL TO FMG INTERESTS AND THAT FMG FELT
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QUESTION SHOULD BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY. FMG, HE SAID, WAS

NEUTRAL IN MATTER AND WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY RES CALLING
FOR SEATING OF GRUNK. HE IMPLIED FRIENDLY RES WAS SUCH
THAT FMG MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT.

3. PRIOR TO EMBOFF'S CALL ON MEA, EMBASSY CONSULTED WITH
JAPANESE AND THAIS. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR REPORTED HE EARLIER MADE,
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, SIMILAR APPROACH TO OBEBE AS WELL AS TO ACTING
DIRECTOR OF ASIAN DEPARTMENT, STRESSING NEED FOR BOTH SIDES TO
GET TOGETHER AND FOR UN TO WAIT FOR MEETING TO TAKE PLACE UNDER
SYG'S AUSPICES. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO UNDERSCORED DANGEROUS
PRECEDENT THAT COULD BE SET FOR COUNTRIES LIKE NIGERIA IN
THE EVENT OF UN RECOGNITION OF GRUNK -- ALLUDING SPECIFICALLY
TO NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR AND REMIFICATIONS A UN RECOGNITION
OF BIAFRA WOULD HAVE BROUGHT. ACCORDING JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
BOTH ACTING DIRECTORS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH HIS
ARGUMENTS AND PARTICULARLY ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION THAT
FRIENDLY'S RESOLUTION SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE. THEY STATED,
HOWEVER, THAT DECISION WAS NOT THEIRS AND THAT MATTER WOULD
HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO THEIR SUPERIORS.

4. THAI CHARGE D' AFFAIRES REPORTED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED
ANY INSTRUCTIONS BUT HAD MADE DEMARCHE ALONG WITH HAPANESE
SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE. AT THAT TIME MEA OFFICIALS HAD
SAID FMG WOULD ABSTAIN ON ISSUE. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT
ASIAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN NIGERIAN HAD MET DURING
SUMMER TO DISCUSS KHMER ISSUE AND THAT ONLY JAPAN AND
THAILAND HAD BEEN PREPARED TO APPROACH MEA. OTHER ASIAN
COUNTRIES APPEARED EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO DO SO.

5. COMMENT: WHILE OBEBE HINTED AT POSSIBLE FMG SUPPORT
OF FRIENDLY'S RESOLUTION AND ITS GAINING PRECEDENCE,
SUGGEST USUN GET IN TOUCH WITH NIGERIAN DEL SINCE MATTER
LIKELY BE DETERMINED ON SPOT.
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